

# Badshot Lea Village Infant School

## Newsletter Number 5

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

Dear Parents,  
School Council

We now have our full School Council in place. The children representing their class regularly meet with Mrs Strachan and Mrs Payne to discuss a range of school issues. There is a School Council notice board in the school hall. Do please go and have a look when you get a moment.

Many congratulations to the following children for being elected to the School Council:

Rainbow Class	Irisha Welby
Rainbow Class	Abdulai Yusuf
Sky Class	Lily Morgan
Sky Class	Luke Vijayan
Mars Class	Murray Hobbs
Mars Class	Jessie Wells
Sun Class	Hayden Newell
Sun Class	Paris McCann
Star Class	Isis Fraser
Star Class	Thomas Grieve

One of the first 'official' duties of the School Council was to meet and have lunch with the Mayor of Farnham and his wife at the opening of our fabulous kitchen. Both guests commented on how grown-up and well behaved all the children were as they ate lunch together earlier this week.

The School Council ran a competition earlier this term to design playground markings for each of our five classes. I am delighted to report that the winning designers are:

Rainbow Class	Ethan Heggie
Sky Class	Paul Bowles
Mars Class	Murray Hobbs
Sun Class	Olivia Price
Star Class	Thomas Grieve

Many congratulations to you all and thank you to everyone who took part in the competition.

### Children in Need Day

We will be taking part in Children in Need Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The School Council recently discussed how we might raise funds for Children in Need and have come up with a brilliant theme for the day: A 'Dress Up Day'. School Council members are hoping that everyone will come to school on Children in Need Day in 'posh' clothes and 'dress up' for the day in return for a £1 donation. Suggestions include: party clothes (although anything very special should not be worn as we will still be doing all the usual learning activities during the day); princess or prince dressing up clothes; sparkly outfits; or smart trousers and waistcoats. The children will still need coats, hats and gloves for playtime plus sensible shoes please. It would not be a good idea to go outside for playtime in strappy, flimsy shoes therefore you may wish to consider providing outdoor shoes for the day.

## Autumn Tea

It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the Autumn Tea on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to the Friends for kindly arranging the tea, serving the cakes and drinks and to Star Class parents for providing all the delicious cakes, buns and biscuits.

## School Lunch Menu

With this letter comes the Autumn / Winter School Lunch Menu (if you receive letters by ParentMail please look in your child's book bag). I hope you will find the menu useful. Chef is very keen to let you know that roast lunch is on a Thursday and not a Wednesday as indicated in the menu as he prefers to freshly source meat and delivery day is Wednesday in preparation for lunch on Thursday. In addition, Chef provides a vegetarian option and is able to cater for special diets. If you would like to find out more about school lunch, or special diets, do please talk to Mrs Stairs in the school office. At £2 per meal they represent excellent value for money.

## Farnham Firework Fiesta

Farnham Firework Fiesta, arranged by Farnham Round Table, will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The torchlight procession will leave Central Car Park at 6.15pm. At 7.15pm the bonfire will be lit by Lord Sebastian Coe with the fireworks starting at 7.45pm. Food will be available to purchase throughout the evening.

We will be selling tickets at school, after the half term holiday, for this fantastic family event. Tickets purchased in advance through school cost: £14 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children); £5 for an adult (over 16); and £3 for a child (5 - 16 years of age). On the night tickets will cost £6 for an adult and £4 for a child. For every ticket sold by the school, we will receive 50% of the value of the ticket. To qualify for this excellent fund raising opportunity we need to supply the names of two adults to act as marshals during the Farnham Firework Fiesta. If any parent would be willing to be a marshal, please let Mrs Stairs know as soon as possible. It is not an onerous task. You can enjoy the torchlight procession and the fireworks with your family as well as acting as a marshal. The organisers would like marshals to meet at around 6pm in Central Car Park for a quick briefing before the proceedings start.

## Autumn Term Consultation Meetings

The Autumn Term Consultation Meetings will take place directly after the half term holiday in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you have not already done so please sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher - sign-up sheets are available outside your child's classroom. At the meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in their new class and ask any questions. If you are unable to come into school to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher please telephone Mrs Stairs and she will do her very best to arrange a convenient time for you. We would expect all parents to meet with their child's class teacher each term. For parents of children in Rainbow Class Miss Falconer will write to you with dates.

## School Photograph

I hope you are pleased with your child's school photograph. Please make sure that all orders and payment, together with the photograph are returned to school by 10<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## Santa's Surprise Room

The elves in Santa's Surprise Room are busy getting ready for the big day (Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010) when the children shop for gifts for their mums, dads, grandmas and granddads. However, the elves need your help please! They are looking for donated items they can sell. Perhaps a gift you received and no longer want, or a 'buy one get one free' item that you could spare. Suggestions include: jewellery; picture frames; soap; men's toiletries; candles; lotions; bric-a-brac; chocolates; scarves; accessories; socks; bubble bath; handbags; sporty items; china; mugs; candle holders; the list is endless! If you can help the elves they would be extremely grateful. Please send your donated items to Sun Class as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Badshot Lea Village War Memorial

I am sure many of you are aware that the Badshot Lea Village War Memorial is situated on the corner of our school building just at the Badshot Lea crossroads. Mr Mike Probert, Chair of the Badshot Lea Community Association, and for many years a Governor at our school, has launched an appeal to raise funds to renovate the Village War Memorial and increase the space around the Memorial itself. In recent years the number of people attending the annual Remembrance Day Service has grown considerably and space has been at a premium. You will see that we have substantially pruned all the trees and shrubs along the path to, and around the area of, the War Memorial in readiness for Remembrance Day 2010. However, we would like to further increase the area immediately in front of the War Memorial to ensure that all those who wish to attend the Remembrance Day Service may be close to the Memorial. In addition we have asked Farnham Town Council to arrange for the lettering on the War Memorial to be re-painted - this will be completed next Spring.

The cost of the Village War Memorial renovation and improvement will be in the region of £1,500. If you, or your family, would consider supporting this fund raising appeal, cheques should be made payable to *Badshot Lea Village Infant School Trust* and marked on the back 'Village War Memorial'. Alternatively cash should be placed in a sealed envelope marked 'War Memorial' with your name and address clearly printed on the front. This appeal will be open until the end of November. Thank you.

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	We return to school today for the second half of term. Autumn Term Consultation Meetings will be held this week.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Farnham Firework Fiesta - tickets on sale at school after the half term holiday.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	The Friends of Badshot Lea AGM at 8pm.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Bag 2 School collection today. Year 2 children will be taking part in a Multi-sports Festival today.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	The start of Anti-Bullying Week.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Sky Class Open Morning - full details to follow.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Wow Day - Pattern Workshops for all the children. Christmas Shopping Night kindly arranged by The Friends.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Dress Up Day!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sky Class Open Morning - full details to follow.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bazaar - please put this date in your diary!
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	We finish at 3pm for the Christmas Holiday.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	We return to school for the start of the Spring Term.

Yours sincerely,

*Jan Weir*